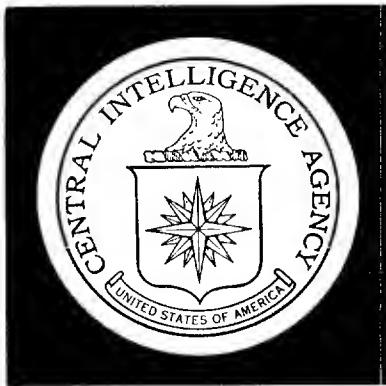


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USSR-GUINEA: Two Soviet destroyers, one armed with surface-to-air missiles, and an oiler arrived in Conakry on 24 December.

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The Soviet ships have been operating off the coast of West Africa for the past several weeks, but Moscow apparently seized upon the idea of a lengthy port visit as a show of support to Guinean President Sekou Toure who fears another Portuguese-backed attack similar to the one on Conakry last month. The sending of these destroyers to Guinea is yet another example of a greater Soviet tendency to use naval forces to advance foreign policy purposes in distant areas.

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